

THE WEATHER TODAY  
Washington, Jan. 4. — Forecast for  
Eastern New York: Partly cloudy  
with mild temperature. Wednesday;  
Thursday fair and colder.

# Oneonta Daily Star

UP TO THE MINUTE  
COUNTY AND LOCAL NEWS

ONEONTA, N. Y., WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5, 1921

## IACHOLD TO FILL PEAKER'S CHAIR

Person Man, Choice of Republi-  
an Members of Lower House,  
Will Be Elected Today

## DELER AGAIN CHOSEN

Action Is Taken Toward Re-  
nominal of Three Socialist Mem-  
bers, But Agitation Is Rife

Jan. 4.—H. Edmund Mac-  
donald, of Jefferson, will be  
next speaker of the state assembly.  
Republican members of the lower  
house tonight selected the  
person man for his choice and in-  
stead as there are 119 Republicans  
in the house, Mr. Macdonald  
will be elected speaker when  
assembly convenes for its regular  
session at noon tomorrow.  
Simon L. Adler of Monroe was  
the chosen majority leader.  
The caucus also renamed Fred  
Macdonald of Syracuse, clerk, Harry  
Westchester, sergeant at arms  
and George Munson of Monroe  
majority members.  
The caucus was a harmonious af-  
fair. The state agreed upon by the  
two went through without a hitch.  
The action toward unseating the  
three Socialist members, although  
Assemblyman Edward A. Everett of  
Seneca is reported to be ready to  
reduce a resolution demanding  
their expulsion.

## VACANCIES EXIST IN FINANCE BOARD

President Must Fill at Least One of  
Two Before Loans Can Be  
Negotiated

Washington, Jan. 4. — President  
Wilson will have to fill at least one of  
the two vacancies of the board of di-  
rectors of the revived war finance  
corporation before it can make any  
considerable number of loans for  
financing exports with a view to af-  
ford relief to the farming and  
other industries. This statement was  
made by treasury officials today after  
the resolution directing revival of the  
corporation became a law through its  
passage by the house over the Presi-  
dent's veto.  
The vote in the house to pass the  
resolution over the President's veto  
was nearly as ample as that cast  
yesterday in the senate. The house  
stood 259 for the measure against 66  
for upholding the veto, or 37 more  
than the required two-thirds majority.  
Seventeen Democrats voted to sustain  
the veto, while for its passage there  
were 135 Republicans, 114 Democrats  
and 11 Progressives.  
Treasury officials in further discus-  
sion of the resolution, said that while  
the corporation would prepare to  
function immediately, as a result  
of the action of congress, President  
Wilson would be required to ap-  
point one or two new directors be-  
fore anything much could be done.

## FORGOT ALL ABOUT MAN SHE MURDERED

Kansas City Woman Yesterday Re-  
ported to Police Crime She  
Committed Saturday Night

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 4. — A woman  
giving the name of Lillian Mc-  
Gill, 29 years old, today called at po-  
lice headquarters and told a story of  
killing a man Sunday night, placing  
the body under the bed and forgetting  
about it until today, when she started  
to sweep her room.  
Patrolmen visited the room in a  
small hotel and found the unclothed  
body of a man about 25 years old.  
In a written statement, according  
to the police, the woman admitted  
killing the man. She said she only  
knew him as "Frank" and that he  
told her he was employed in a saloon.  
They quarrelled, she said, and he  
struck her, whereupon she procured  
a revolver from a dresser drawer and  
shot him three times in the head.  
She said she had been in a dazed  
condition for the past two days and  
insisted that she forgot the tragedy  
entirely until today.

## BEGIN FUME EVACUATION

Triest, Jan. 4. — Gabriele d'Annunzio  
will be the last man of his ex-  
patriated forces to leave Fiume. It  
was learned today. Evacuation of the  
legionnaires will commence tomorrow  
and will last several days. Present con-  
ditions in the city are miserable, due  
to a lack of food.

## OPPOSE INCREASED HOURS

Rochester, Jan. 4. — A decision to  
oppose the attempt of certain shoe  
manufacturers in large eastern cities  
to lengthen hours of labor was re-  
ached at today's session of the  
semi-annual meeting of the executive  
board of the United Shoe Workers of  
America.

## VALERA MANIFESTO INTIMATIONS RIFE

"President's" Presence in Ireland  
Is Aimed at Peaceful Solution  
of Country's Plight

Dublin, Ireland, Jan. 4. — (By The  
Associated Press.) — Two rumors  
spread rapidly through Dublin this  
evening—one that a manifesto to the  
Irish people would be issued by  
Eamon de Valera; the other that De  
Valera had come to Dublin. Con-  
firmation of either could not be obtained  
in quarters usually well informed on  
Sinn Féin affairs. It is considered not  
unlikely, however, that some message  
will be forthcoming from De Valera in  
a day or two.  
The public may never know how  
Eamon de Valera managed to reach  
Ireland. It is believed that the means  
by which he landed in Ireland will be  
kept a close secret as other Sinn Féin  
leaders absent from the country may  
find it necessary to utilize the same  
plan. With the exception of one mem-  
ber of the Dail Eirinn who had pre-  
viously made a short visit to his  
native land, it is not believed the  
others residing in the United States  
will come to Ireland in the near fu-  
ture.

De Valera's presence in Ireland has  
been taken generally to mean a marked  
acceleration of efforts to find a basis  
of peace acceptable to both sides.  
Since his arrival the Dail Eirinn has  
not held a meeting but one may be ar-  
ranged soon. It is reported in what  
is considered reliable circles that  
orders have been received from Lon-  
don forbidding the crown forces to ar-  
rest De Valera.

The tension prevailing in Dublin  
before Christmas has greatly relaxed.

## FORCED TO EAT THEIR PIGEONS

First Details of Hardships Suffered  
by Lost Naval Balloonist Trio  
Told by Minister

## DECEIVED BY CLOUDS

Aeronauts Thought They Were  
Still Over New York State When  
They Negotiated a Landing

Cochrane, Ont., Jan. 4. — (By the  
Associated Press.) — First details of  
the experiences of the three American  
naval balloonists, who suffered un-  
usual hardships while wandering for  
four days in the dense Canadian woods  
and were forced to eat their carrier  
pigeons to subsist, were received here  
tonight from the American minister at  
Moosetown, the Hudson Bay com-  
pany's trading post where they found  
shelter.

The minister reported that the bal-  
loonists, who left Rockaway, New  
York naval air station, at 12:15 p. m.  
December 15, landed 15 miles north-  
west of Moosetown in the after-  
noon of the next day. They thought  
they were still in New York state,  
having been in the clouds most of  
the time since leaving Rockaway.

## Surprise Indian Hunters.

They came down, the minister said,  
because they thought they heard a  
dog barking. They were lost in the  
deep undergrowth of the region for  
the next two days and had about given  
up hopes of ever reaching civiliza-  
tion.

Fortunately on December 17, they  
came to the Moose river and found  
tracks of human feet through the  
deeply packed snow. Later they caught  
up with an Indian, Tom Marks, who  
was out hunting. One of the three  
aviators was using a suit of underwear  
as an outer garment, and the others  
were in uniform.

Marks, taken by surprise by such a  
meeting in that desolate section of  
the country, is reported to have at  
first resisted their efforts to fraternize  
with him. Eventually, they succeeded  
in convincing him that they meant no  
harm and he guided them to the  
Moosetown trading post.

Absence of severe frost during the  
time of their wandering in the forest  
undoubtedly saved them from perish-  
ing. They had eaten two of their three  
carrier pigeons when they arrived at  
Moosetown where they were cared  
for by inhabitants of the trading post  
and soon recovered from their priva-  
tions and hardships. The eating of the  
pigeons apparently explains the mys-  
tery of why the men had not com-  
municated with the outside world af-  
ter leaving Rockaway.

## Try to Recover Balloon.

A trip was made to recover the bal-  
loon in an effort to salvage its con-  
tents, but it was unsuccessful. Another  
trip to the point of descent was plan-  
ned but its success is not known.

The three aeronauts had planned to  
leave Moosetown for Cochrane on the  
26th or 27th of December. Barring  
unfavorable weather conditions, they  
are due here the end of this week.

The Anglican minister, the Rev.  
Mr. Haythornthwaite, in a letter dat-  
ed December 22, stated that the  
aeronauts could not have stayed up in  
the air much longer as they had  
thrown overboard all their ballast and  
many of the movable objects that they  
carried in the basket of their craft.  
The aeronauts reported they had  
been anxiously looking for some habi-  
tation for several hours before they  
finally landed, realizing that they  
could not keep the craft in the air  
much longer. Rev. Haythornthwaite  
expressed the opinion that if they had  
stayed in the air another hour they  
would have drifted over James Bay  
and would have been undoubtedly  
perished in the loosely packed snow  
which covered its surface to a depth  
of several feet.

## HEAR OPPONENTS OF JOHNSON BILL

Federal Officers With Knowledge  
of European Conditions Que-  
stioned by Senate Committee

Washington, Jan. 4. — Government  
officials possessing the most accurate  
knowledge of European conditions  
will be called to testify by the senate  
committee on immigration before it  
submits any recommendations for pro-  
hibiting or restricting immigration to  
the United States. Senator Colt  
of Rhode Island, chairman of the com-  
missioner, announced tonight that  
Commissioner Wallis of the Ellis Island  
station, New York, will be heard to-  
morrow and other government offi-  
cials would be heard later.  
A dozen opponents of the Johnson  
bill prohibiting immigration for one  
year were heard today. All united  
in a vigorous attack upon it and other  
bills covering the subject now pend-  
ing before the committee and denied  
recent statements by proponents of  
the Johnson bill that a flood of un-  
desirable aliens is about to sweep into  
the United States from Europe and  
that emergency legislation is vital to  
the protection of the country.

## MEN'S CLOTHES CHEAPER THAN IN SPRING OF 1920

Chicago, Jan. 4. — The market  
for men's spring and summer cloth-  
ing was opened in Chicago today  
and manufacturers offered suits  
much below that of the spring of  
1920. One of the leading factories  
in the ready-made trade quoted the  
manufacturers' price of wool suits  
at \$25, compared to \$40 last fall  
and \$57 a year ago. Fine blue  
serge suits are offered at \$39, com-  
pared with \$47 last fall and \$43 one  
year ago.

## NO INTERVENTION IN CUBA PLANNED

Major General Crowder's Mission  
Fails to Occasion Protest From  
Island's Minister

Washington, Jan. 4. — Assurances  
that the United States does not con-  
templated military intervention in Cuba  
were given today to the Cuban minister  
by Acting Secretary Davis. It was said  
at the state department.  
The minister, Dr. Carlos Manuel de  
Cespedes, was said to have entered no  
protest from his government against  
the sending of Major General Crowder  
to Cuba to confer with President  
Menocal relative to the general situa-  
tion in the island republic. The min-  
ister, after his call, however, expressed  
some slight objection to the action  
of the American government, declar-  
ing that neither his attitude nor that  
of his government set forth in a recent  
statement by him had been altered.  
In that statement the minister had as-  
serted there were no grounds for the  
supervision of elections.

Secretary Davis discussed with Presi-  
dent Wilson the Cuban situation and  
the mission of General Crowder just  
before the minister called at the de-  
partment. The secretary told Dr. de  
Cespedes there was little he could add  
to the President's statement relative  
to the work General Crowder is  
expected to accomplish in Cuba, add-  
ing that he had confidence in the abili-  
ty of the Cuban authorities and Gen-  
eral Crowder to work out a satisfac-  
tory solution of the present political  
and financial difficulties.

Minister de Cespedes was assured  
that neither intervention nor the su-  
pervision of elections was contemplated,  
but it was made plain to him that  
the United States considered the econ-  
omic, political and financial situation  
had reached the point in Cuba where  
the United States regarded the whole  
situation as one warranting the friend-  
ly offer of assistance.

President Menocal's term of office  
expires May 20. There appears now  
a probability that unless special steps  
are taken the official selection of his  
successor will not be determined by  
that time, and it was asserted in that  
event a situation would be created that  
would prove exceedingly embarrassing  
for both governments.

## ST. LAWRENCE VEILS NEW RIVER MYSTERY

Search for R. Hardy Moore Results  
in Discovery of Thomas Moore  
in an Unconscious Condition

Ogdensburg, Jan. 4. — Police who  
had spent the day searching for a  
trace of R. Hardy Moore, who it was  
feared was drowned in the St. Law-  
rence river, tonight were confronted  
with a new mystery.  
Late tonight a report was received  
from the Canadian side of the riv-  
er that Moore had been found in a small  
boat in an unconscious condition, but  
upon investigation the man was dis-  
covered to be Thomas Moore, another  
local resident. It was reported that a  
man named Montgomery had been the  
companion of Thomas Moore when he  
set out in the boat, and authorities  
feared that he also has met with an ac-  
cident.

R. Hardy Moore's cap was found  
near footprints in the snow leading to  
the end of a pier.

## REMEDY FOR UNEMPLOYMENT.

New York, Jan. 4. — A proposal to  
use the billion dollars in funds now  
available for road building in 1921 as  
a partial remedy for unemployment  
conditions throughout the country, will  
be one of the principal subjects con-  
sidered by the American good roads  
congress and good roads show to be  
held in Chicago February 9 to 12. This  
announcement was made here today  
by the American Road Builders' as-  
sociation, under whose auspices the  
congress will be held.

## MAUD ADAMS TO "COME BACK"

New York, Jan. 4. — Reports current  
for many months that Miss Maud  
Adams had retired permanently from  
the stage were met tonight by an-  
nouncement by L. Erlanger and Char-  
les B. Dillman that she would make  
a reappearance under their manage-  
ment early next fall.

## ANOTHER GAMBLING CASE.

Saratoga Springs, Jan. 4. — For the  
second time in two weeks a jury dis-  
agreed today in the trial of Jules For-  
nel of New York, charged with being  
a common gambler. Fornel was in-  
dicted by the extraordinary grand jury  
for maintaining a gambling estab-  
lishment in this city during July, 1919.

## EXPLAINS BAIL BOND BUSINESS

Writers Are Interested Solely in  
Indemnitors and Collateral Se-  
curity They Receive

## BIG PROFITS RESULT

One Special Agent Got \$7,000 or  
\$8,000 Commissions and His  
Guarantor as Much

New York, Jan. 4. — Payments of  
commissions, bonuses, premiums and  
other transactions practiced by sure-  
ty and casualty companies in provid-  
ing bail bonds for persons accused of  
crime, were described in testimony given  
at a "John Doe" investigation be-  
gun here today before Magistrate  
George W. Simpson sitting in special  
sessions. The inquiry, an outgrowth  
of New York's crime wave, is being  
conducted by William A. McQuaid,  
George A. Lavelle and Ferdinand Pe-  
cora, assistant district attorneys.

Louis Topper, a special agent of  
the New Amsterdam Casualty company  
testified he had power of attorney with  
the company which gave him authori-  
ty to write bonds without limitation.  
While the commission for the writing  
of the bonds is usually two percent,  
he said in some instances a bonus  
sometimes as high as five percent is  
charged "when we think something  
might happen to the bond."

Asked if it was not important for  
bondsmen to know crooks, the witness  
replied:  
"The defendant means nothing to  
us. We are interested solely in the  
collateral security we get."

Topper testified that to his knowl-  
edge, no officer of the New Amsterdam  
Casualty company knew of the bonds  
arrangement and that the outside  
men fixed the bonuses themselves. He  
stated that he and his sub agents had  
issued bail bonds aggregating \$370,000  
to persons charged with burglary.

On a \$5,000 bond he explained the  
company charged \$100 commission of  
which he received \$15. In the last  
year, he testified, he had received seven  
or eight thousand dollars in remis-  
sances from the company and that his  
guarantor, Dr. Jacob Waxman, his  
family physician, had received a simi-  
lar amount.

Thomas L. Perdue, vice president of  
the company, testified that Dr. Wax-  
man had put up \$10,000 to guarantee  
Louis Topper's activities, which later  
was increased to \$20,000. He test-  
ified that he knew of only a few of the  
several hundred cases for which bail  
bonds had been issued, in which jew-  
elry had been accepted as collateral.

## WHITMAN IS CHOSEN AS SPECIAL COUNSEL

Former Governor Asked to Assist  
Inquiry into Charges Made by  
Robinson and Steinberg

New York, Jan. 4. — Former Gov-  
ernor Charles S. Whitman has been  
asked to act as a special counsel in the  
inquiry of the charges of graft among  
county and city officials referred by  
State Senator Theodore Douglas Rob-  
inson and Assemblyman Joseph Stein-  
berg, District Attorney Swann an-  
nounced tonight. Mr. Swann said he  
had not received a formal acceptance  
from Mr. Whitman, but expected he  
would accept.  
Should Mr. Whitman become a spe-  
cial counsel in this inquiry, Mr.  
Swann said he would have a free rein  
to conduct an unlimited investigation.  
As a special counsel, the district at-  
torney stated Mr. Whitman would ap-  
pear before any grand jury empanel-  
led to investigate city officials, includ-  
ing the Admiral extra-judicial grand  
jury.

## TRY BRINDELL TODAY.

New York, Jan. 4. — Robert P.  
Brinndell, president of the Building  
Trades council, under indictment for  
extortion and attempted extortion  
from builders, must face trial to-  
day in the criminal branch of the  
supreme court. Final efforts to block  
the opening of the trial were wiped  
out late today when Supreme Court  
Justice McCardo handed down a de-  
cision vacating the stay which had been  
obtained.

## TREASURER BURKE RESIGNS.

Washington, Jan. 4. — John Burke,  
treasurer of the United States, today  
announced his resignation effective  
upon the appointment of his successor.  
Mr. Burke was appointed treasurer in  
March, 1913. Prior to that time he  
served three terms as governor of  
North Dakota and was a member of  
both the senate and house of that  
state. He will join the banking firm  
of Kardos and company of New York,  
which is to become Kardos & Burke.

## SHEA FORMERLY POLICEMAN.

New York, Jan. 4. — James Shea,  
who with John Costello was arrested  
in Chicago in connection with an al-  
leged nation-wide whiskey ring, was  
formerly a detective sergeant in the  
New York police department, his re-  
cent partner, Francis J. Farley, a pri-  
vate detective, stated today. Shea, he  
said, had quit the detective agency  
because he was "tired of the busi-  
ness."

## TRAINMEN'S CHIEF HARDING CONFEE

W. M. Doak Discusses General  
Problem of Railways and Rail-  
way Labor with President-Elect

Morton, O., Jan. 4. — W. M. Doak,  
vice president of the Brotherhood of  
Railway Trainmen, came to Marion  
today at the request of President-elect  
Harding and discussed with him the  
general problem of railways and rail-  
way labor.

Whether specific policies were talk-  
ed over was not revealed, but Mr.  
Doak said he expected to return later  
for a more exhaustive discussion of  
certain subjects taken up today in a  
preliminary way. He expressed the  
opinion that Mr. Harding's attitude  
toward labor was a sympathetic one  
and that railway labor questions would  
not be found difficult under the next  
administration.

Special significance was attached to  
the conference because of Mr. Hard-  
ing's vigorous utterances during the  
campaign in support of the Esch-  
Cummings railway law, which many  
leaders of railway employees opposed.

Another of those who saw Senator  
Harding during the day was Peter S.  
Grosscup, of Chicago, formerly a judge  
of the federal court of appeals. He  
gave his opinion on both national and  
international questions, making de-  
tailed suggestions for the reorganiza-  
tion of the executive departments at  
Washington and for creation of an  
effective world court.

Laying aside temporarily the prob-  
lems that have held his attention al-  
most uninterruptedly for the past  
month, the President-elect will motor  
to Columbus tomorrow to be raised  
to a 32d degree Mason.

## BAR RUSSIAN TOTS WARDS OF ADMIRAL

Former High Commissioner at Se-  
bastopol Plans to Educate  
Seven Refugee Waifs

New York, Jan. 4. — Seven Russian  
children, brought here for adoption  
by Rear Admiral Newton A. McCully,  
former American high commissioner  
at Sebastopol, were ordered excluded  
from the country by an immigration  
board of inquiry at Ellis Island today.

The order fell like a wet blanket on  
the hopes of the youngsters and the  
admiral who had played Santa Claus  
and father to them all the way from  
their native land on the collier Ram-  
apo. They were to be his wards and  
his heirs, sharing his home at Wash-  
ington and enjoying all the educational  
facilities he could give them.

But the admiral announced that he  
immediately would take an appeal to  
the secretary of labor at Washington,  
that he was ready to post as many  
and as high bonds as would be asked,  
and that he intended to fight to the  
last ditch for admittance of the chil-  
dren. In the meantime, pending a rul-  
ing from Washington, the brood will  
be detained at Ellis Island.

The technical exclusion ruling of  
Ellis Island officials was that the  
children were "liable to become pub-  
lic charges."

## BOXING ADMISSION CHARGES ARE FIXED

Maximum of \$15 for Champion-  
ship Bouts and \$10 For Ordi-  
nary Contests Is Established

New York, Jan. 4. — A \$15 maxi-  
mum admission for championship box-  
ing contests in New York and \$10 for  
ordinary bouts was ordered today by  
the state boxing commission. Excep-  
tion is made only in the cases of bouts  
for charitable purposes.

Declaring that the high prices of  
tickets has been caused in a large  
measure by the exorbitant demands  
of certain boxers who have apparently  
careless little about the public upon  
the public upon whom they must de-  
pend for their awards, the commis-  
sion said, "The time has come when  
this selfish and short-sighted attitude  
must be corrected." Although boxing  
enthusiasts appear willing to pay  
double the prescribed rates to see box-  
ers of high calibre, it was added, the  
commission believed "it is a hardship  
upon the man of moderate means,  
who is just as much entitled to see  
champions in action as his wealthier  
neighbor."

## RICKARD MUST PAY \$500

Fight Promoter Loses Suit Brought  
for Slander by William H. Rocap,  
Sport Writer and Referee.

Philadelphia, Jan. 4. — George L.  
Rickard, fight promoter, today  
was ordered to pay \$500 to William  
H. Rocap, a boxing referee and sports  
writer, by the jury in Rocap's slander  
suit against Rickard. Rocap charged  
that his reputation had been damaged  
by remarks made by Rickard the day  
following the Willard-Dempsey fight  
in Toledo, O., July 4, 1919.

He alleged that Rickard, offended at  
an article by Rocap criticizing the  
match, declared to newspapermen that  
Rocap was "a blackmailer and had  
ordered to hold him up for \$1,000. Rick-  
ard denied having made the statement.

## FIND M'SWINEY SHIP STOWAWAY

Brother of Late Mayor of Cork  
and Daniel O'Callahan, Present  
Incumbent, at Newport News

## CARRIED PASSPORT

MacSwiney Had Proper Credentials  
But Preferred to Stand by His  
Fellow Voyager

Newport News, Jan. 4. — Peter I.  
MacSwiney of New York, brother of  
the late Terence MacSwiney, late  
mayor of Cork, and Daniel O'Callahan,  
present lord mayor of Cork, arrived  
in this port tonight as stowaways on  
the American steamer West Canon  
from Cork.

Immediately upon arrival of the  
West Canon, immigration authorities  
discovered the two men on board and  
disregarding the claims of their iden-  
tity had them placed in jail pending  
investigation. MacSwiney carried a  
passport used by an American consul  
and could have made the trip openly,  
but chose rather to stowaway with  
the Lord Mayor O'Callahan. Upon  
showing his passport, MacSwiney was  
released and the lord mayor was freed  
as soon as authorities arrived. The  
lord mayor took up his residence for  
the time being at a hotel, refusing to  
discuss any details of his visit. Ac-  
cording to MacSwiney, however, O'Cal-  
lahan is in this country at the invita-  
tion of the committee of 100 at Wash-  
ington investigating the Irish situa-  
tion. O'Callahan is under guards fur-  
nished by immigration officials.

## Explains O'Callahan's Action.

"The British would not allow the  
lord mayor to visit America and he  
stowed away on the steamer," Mac-  
Swiney stated. "I could have come  
back as a passenger, but preferred to  
make the trip with him as I now  
prefer to remain at his side while he  
is being detained."

"I don't wish to be considered dis-  
courteous to the press," the lord mayor  
said, when seen in jail, "but I prefer  
to say nothing until I have had my  
status defined by the proper authori-  
ties."

"Cork was in flames when we left  
there," MacSwiney said. "Women and  
children were being shot and robbed  
along with men. The British are trying  
to make the world believe the Pro-  
testants and Catholics of Ire-  
land are responsible for the  
trouble. There is not a word  
of truth in it. In nearly the whole  
of Ireland the people live together har-  
moniously and there would be no  
trouble if it were not for the English."

Terence MacSwiney, the late lord  
mayor of Cork, did not sleep in his  
bed for nearly six years up to the  
time of his death, according to his  
brother, who said "the present lord  
mayor has been in the same fix for  
months. My brother was not safe, and  
Mr. O'Callahan is not safe."

Lord Mayor O'Callahan was present  
when MacSwiney described his ex-  
periences and did not deny the lat-  
ter's statement that he had come to  
this country to testify before the com-  
mittee of 100.

## Men Not Summoned Here.

Washington, Jan. 4. — Neither Pet-  
er J. MacSwiney, brother of the late  
lord mayor of Cork, nor Daniel O'Cal-  
lahan, the prominent lord mayor of  
Cork, who arrived at Newport News  
tonight from an Irish port as stow-  
aways, have been reported to appear  
before the committee of 100 investi-  
gating the Irish question. Dr. Freder-  
ick C. Howe, chairman of the commis-  
sion, said tonight. Mr. Howe added  
that the only knowledge that he had  
had that either might be contemptu-  
ing coming to this country was con-  
tained in a recent dispatch from Eng-  
land to the effect that an American  
consul had used a passport for Mac-  
Swiney.

## 'BIG FIVE' SCHEMES ARE ALL REJECTED

Supreme Court Justice Gives Pack-  
ers Thirty Days in Which to  
Submit New Plans

Washington, Jan. 4. — All proposals  
thus far advanced by the "Big Five"  
meat packers for dissenting themselves  
of their stock yard interests were re-  
jected by Justice Safford in the dis-  
trict supreme court today. The com-  
panies were given 30 days in which to  
submit new plans.

At the same time the court warned  
that unless the defendants proposed  
plans that would meet requirements  
outlined, it would "feel obliged to ap-  
point officers to take title to all the  
stock yards in question and to hold  
the same subject to the order of the  
court until suitable agreements can  
be made to have it disposed of in ac-  
cordance with the terms and purposes  
of the decree," agreed upon between  
the packers and the government more  
than a year ago.

In a formal statement regarding the  
court's decision, the department of  
justice interpreted this as meaning  
that if the packers did not divorce  
themselves from the stock yards the  
court would do it for them.







## TSEGO COUNTY NEWS

## VISION AT MIDDLEFIELD.

Is Gather on New Year's Day  
Organizations Elect Officers.

Field, Jan. 4. — On Saturday  
day, Mr. and Mrs. Simon  
entertained their children  
and grandchildren at a family re-  
ception. Those present were Mr. and  
Mrs. Mumford and three chil-  
dren, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Mum-  
ford, three children of Cooper-  
town, and Mrs. Harry Acker of  
and Mr. and Mrs. Homer  
and son, Alfred of Middle-  
field, returned to their homes Sat-  
urday.

and Sunday School Elects.

Jan. 4, the follow-  
ing were elected for the year  
the Methodist Sunday school:  
President, Mrs. Frank Pettit;  
superintendent, Mrs. C. E.  
secretary, Mrs. C. J. North;  
Mrs. Neta W. Clanton; or-  
ganizer, F. W. Taber.

Members are: Ladies' Bible  
class, J. G. Rice; intermediate,  
Murphy and Mrs. S. J. Wil-  
son; Miss Maude Harrison.

worth League Officers.

Following, at the Methodist  
following officers of the  
league were elected:  
President, Mrs. William North;  
secretary, Mrs. E. Clifton;  
treasurer, Mrs. H. C. Murphy;  
recorder, Mrs. S. J. Wil-  
son; secretary, Stewart H.  
treasurer, Claude H. Tyler;  
Emma Briggs.

Watch Night Service.

Friday evening there was a  
watch meeting and watch night  
held at the Baptist parsonage,  
led by the pastor, Rev. Elwyn

Middlefield Brevities.

and Mrs. J. G. Rice enter-  
tained New Year's day. Mr. and  
Mrs. Roseboom, Mrs. H. C.  
and son, Stewart, and Mrs. A.  
J. of Middlefield, and Mrs.  
rumb of Norwich, who is vis-  
iting, Mr. Rice, Mr.  
Edwin Niles and daughter,  
of Little Falls, spent last  
night with Mr. and Mrs. A.  
and Mrs. Luzern Denton of  
a spent last week with their  
Mrs. Ira Hubbard—Miss Eu-  
Ferguson, who is teaching  
a Buffalo, was home during  
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Week of Prayer Observed.

The churches of the village will  
unite in observing the week of prayer.  
Services are held Monday, Tuesday and  
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Y. P. B. Christmas Party.

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tree. A very pleasant evening was passed  
by all who were present.

## An Unlucky Child.

Margaret, the little daughter of Mr.  
and Mrs. George Webster, had the mis-  
fortune to fall on the ice Wednesday,  
breaking her arm in the same place  
where it was broken six weeks ago.  
The splints of the first break were  
to have been removed on the day the  
arm was fractured the second time.

## Personal Pointers.

W. D. Culver has returned home  
after spending the holidays with his  
sister, Mrs. Harriet Horton, in Cort-  
land. — D. E. Potter and Jacob  
Klein of Syracuse spent a few  
days with relatives in Sche-  
nectady recently. — Mrs. Arthur  
Cook and son, George, of Poughkeeps-  
ie, have been guests for the past  
week at George White's. — Mr. and  
Mrs. M. G. Aker have returned to  
their home at Detroit, Mich., after  
visiting her parents, Rev. and Mrs. F.  
H. King. — Claude Cryden was in  
Albany Friday with Company G at the  
inauguration. — Mrs. R. J. Constock  
and daughter, Helen, have been spend-  
ing a few days with relatives at  
Windsor.

## DINNER AND CHURCH MEETING.

Mr. Vision Baptist Society Meets New  
Year's Day—Officers Elected.

Mr. Vision, Jan. 4. — The annual  
meeting of the Baptist church was  
held Saturday, January 1. A boun-  
tiful dinner was served in the church  
parlors from 12 to 2, after which Rev.  
Mr. Colbeck of Morris, gave an excel-  
lent address, carefully and clearly out-  
lining and defining the doctrines of the  
Baptist church. Following this a roll  
call was conducted by Miss Ava Hall,  
clerk pro tem, and about 40 responded  
by personal testimony or letter. Sat-  
isfactory reports were given by the  
church treasurer, the Sunday school,  
the King's Daughters, and the mis-  
sionary societies, and the following  
officers were elected for the ensuing  
year:

Treasurer—H. A. Miller.  
Secretary—Mrs. Flora Miller.  
Clerk—Mrs. Dora Rose.  
Trustee for Three Years — Allison  
Hall, in place of Vern Dayton, whose  
term expired.

A committee on nomination of officers  
for Sunday school reported:  
Superintendent—C. C. Cleveland.  
Secretary—Hobart Bennington.  
Treasurer—Henry Burns.  
Secretary and Treasurer of Birth-  
day Fund—Mrs. Grace Burns.  
Superintendent of Home Depart-  
ment—Mrs. W. C. Smith.  
Superintendent of Cradle Roll—Mrs.  
Hobart Bennington.

## Returns to Northfield.

Margaret Pattengill, who had been  
spending her Christmas vacation with  
her aunt, Mrs. Henry Shove, of Val-  
leyview street, and other relatives in  
Mt. Vision and Hartwick, left Tuesday  
morning for her school, Northfield  
Seminary, Mass.

## OTEGO NEWS NOTES.

Home Bureau Meets Wednesday After-  
noon—Generous Church Donation.

Otego, Jan. 4. — The monthly meet-  
ing of the Otego Home Bureau was  
held at the home of Mrs. Elba Pierce  
on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

## A Generous Donation.

The Christian church has contribut-  
ed \$155 to the North China Famine  
fund. The Baptist church sent a  
Christmas offering of \$50 for European  
relief.

## Local Briefs.

The Otego High school opened on  
Monday, following a two weeks' vaca-  
tion. — Miss Ruth Blakely left Sun-  
day evening for Binghamton. Misses  
Mabel and Harriet Terry accompanied  
her, being en route to South Hamp-  
ton, L. I. — Miss Florence Beeler  
has accepted a position as clerk at  
the Hawkins store. — Miss Evalena  
Terry left Monday for Boston and Miss  
Roxana Burrell for Cambridge. — The  
Gleaners of the Baptist church will  
serve a roast beef supper at the  
church Friday evening from 5.30  
o'clock on. — Mr. and Mrs. J. W.  
Herring visited over Sunday at the  
home of Mr. and Mrs. B. Hopkins at  
Laurens. — Rev. W. M. Bouton, Ray  
Bouton, Miss Hazel Dolson of Bingham-  
ton, Mrs. R. Burns and daughters,  
Dorothy and Ruth, and son,  
Robert, of Sheridan, Wyo., were week-  
end visitors at the home of Mr. and  
Mrs. John Herring.

## Installation of Officers.

Fellowship lodge, No. 59, I. O. O.  
F., will be visited by District Deputy  
Bunn on Thursday evening, when the  
newly elected officers will be installed.  
The roll of members will be called  
and each is expected to answer to his  
name. Refreshments will be served at  
the close.

## At the Methodist Church.

Sunday morning at 10.20 o'clock,  
the Rev. Charles C. Voiz will preach  
on "The Lost Sheep." This will be  
the first of four sermons on the fif-  
teenth chapter of St. Luke's gospel.

## Property Changes Hands.

John Eckert has purchased of the  
Otego Dairyman's Co-operative associa-  
tion, Inc., the house and lot on  
Lower Church street known as the  
Christian property.

## Personals.

Clayton T. Head of Buffalo spent  
the holidays with his mother, Mrs.  
Rose Head, on Briar Creek. — Miss  
Elizabeth Burrell left today for White  
Plains, where she has a position as  
teacher.

## MILFORD NEW YEAR'S GUESTS.

Relatives from Milford Center and  
Oneonta Entertained by W. L. Morris.

Milford, Jan. 4.—W. L. Morris and  
Miss Josephine Howland entertained  
the following on New Year's day at  
their home on East Main street: Mr.  
and Mrs. C. S. Morris and daughter,  
Helen, Mr. and Mrs. Clark W. Morris  
and son, Gordon and Mrs. Sarah  
Clark, all of Milford Center, Mrs.  
Mary J. Morris, Miss Belle Morris and

MATINEE 2:30  
17c

Children, 12 Years or  
Younger, All Shows 11c

**STRAND**  
YOUR THEATRE  
SPECIAL FOR TODAY ONLY

EVENING 22c  
2 Shows 2  
7:15 and 9

NOTE:—We secured this return engagement for today at the request of hundreds of our patrons. Come early for that good seat, as many who saw it before have signified their intention of witnessing same again. Remember, your last opportunity to see this, THE GREATEST FEATURE OF 1920.

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The tumultuous courtship of Sweet William and peppy, but affectionate Annabel

**A FIRST NATIONAL ATTRACTION**

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Smith of Oneonta.

Culver's Entertain New Year's Eve

One of the most enjoyable of the holiday events was the dinner party held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George D. Culver New Year's eve, at which there was in attendance 25 guests. The event proved keenly enjoyable and following the serving of a delicious turkey dinner, the guests until a seasonable hour enjoyed themselves at five hundred. The occasion was one of great pleasure to all.

Funeral of Mrs. Delilah Decker.

The funeral services of Mrs. Delilah Decker were held Sunday at 2 o'clock at her late residence on South Main street and were well attended by relatives. The service, which was private, was conducted by Rev. H. D. Eckman of the Presbyterian church with interment in the Milford cemetery.

Mrs. Decker is survived by three daughters: Mrs. L. F. Stearns, Cooperstown; Mrs. A. H. Barney and Mrs. E. B. Marble of Portland, Me., and three sons, George and Abraham Decker of Oneonta.

(Concluded on Page Seven.)

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Citizens' National bank will be held at its bank in the City of Oneonta, County of Otego, State of New York, on Tuesday, the eleventh day of January, 1921, at one o'clock in the afternoon for the election of directors for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Dated Oneonta, N. Y., December 1st, 1920.

M. C. Hendratt, Cashier.

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## THE MAYOR'S MESSAGE.

The message of Mayor Ceperley, read last evening before the common council, appears in other columns of The Star this morning. It is a dignified, fair and comprehensive document, which briefly but fully reviews the activities of the city government during the year just ended, sketches the various municipal improvements which have been suggested or which are likely at an early date to be required, and in conclusion makes many suggestions which no doubt will to a great extent as possible be carried out during the coming year.

One of these suggestions has to do with the widening of the paved surface on the business section of Main street. While it would be financially impossible to widen the street as a whole, it fortunately happens that the walks on either side are of exceptionally good width. The mayor's suggestion is that it might be feasible to take from 18 inches to two feet from the walks on each side, resurfacing the curb to correspond. This would not materially interfere with public use of the walks but would make the congestion of wheeled traffic much less on a street the center of which for its whole length east of Chestnut is occupied by the trolley track. In the same connection he notes that the repair to the street should not consist merely of filling in the space between the present pavement and the curb as reset, but that the present pavement, which is worn and uneven, should have attention. As for new paving, Church, Center and Fair streets and Myrtle avenue are noted as requiring attention.

Many will be interested in the suggestion that arrangements should be made with the owners of property near the gas house whereby a new bridge, safe for vehicles, should be built at this point of easiest access to the ball grounds and park. The widening of Wall street at its junction with Chestnut is recommended and its acceptance as a public street.

Under the head of sidewalks, Mayor Ceperley particularly recommends, as twice previously he has done, the construction of a walk on Lower Chestnut street, where differences between city and property owners have long delayed the work. There is probably no place in the city where public safety makes a more emphatic demand, and it is certain that these differences should no longer be permitted to hold up necessary construction.

Other matters which the message considers are the sewer problem, the extension of the boulevard lighting system, the park situation, the gas service, the proposed community house on Ford avenue, formerly occupied by the Public library; the problem of taxation, for the consideration of which he recommends that the present joint committee be continued, and the public market, for which he believes that during the winter one day in the week should suffice. Next season he suggests that more stringent rules and regulations should prevail, with the cutting out of middlemen and more uniformity in price.

The message, which every citizen of Oneonta should read, may be summed up as a fair presentation of the problems, policies and purposes of the city government made by one who through long service as alderman and mayor has become thoroughly familiar with municipal conditions and at the same time is aware of the limitations of the city in dealing with them. A suggestion made in the closing paragraphs to the various boards and city officials will be generally approved. That requests and complaints, no matter how trifling, be quickly investigated and either complied with or explanations made as to why what is asked cannot be done. "Project attention," he says, "will do much to maintain a satisfied and contented citizenship."

## LATEST VICINITY NOTES.

### Matters of Current Interest Reported in Recent Near-By Journals.

A million-dollar company has been organized for the manufacture of safety razors in Binghamton. The razors will for the present be made by the Brewer-Tschener corporation, but the offices will occupy the greater part of the twelfth floor of the Three buildings.

Forty-three foreign-born adults made application for citizenship papers before Justice Kellogg at Binghamton Monday. Two of these were women.

Christmas seals to the value of \$12,000 were sold last month in the county of Broome.

There will be a short run of premiums in Binghamton county this week. There were but 21 cases on the calendar, and of these only five are listed as being ready for trial.

Dairymen of North Norwich are in a quandary, as Otto Grubb refuses to pay the January, 1921 prices for milk and the price has no other available market.

Cecil L. Burton, a grand juror of the Norfolk High school, has been elected justice of the peace of the Norfolk High school.

Wanted—A few live patients. Address N. O. care Star.

## A NEW YEAR'S GREETING

OTSEGO COUNTY GETS \$532.51 AS FINAL INCOME TAX INSTALLMENT—BANKS FOR THIS YEAR'S TAX.

Albany, Jan. 3.—Otsego county received a New Year's greeting Monday through County Treasurer Johnson in the form of a check for \$532.51, the final installment of the county's portion of the 1919 state income tax receipts.

The state-wide allotment was \$2,000,000, making the total amount received by New York city and the 49 other counties outside the greater city \$12,000,000. The total income tax receipts were \$78,560,000. One-half of this sum has been paid to the state treasurer for general purposes.

With the task of collecting and distributing the 1919 tax out of the treasury Director Fred J. Graft of the district director and his assistants are turning up the cash registers, stamping and distributing the 1920 receipts. The first time a person who pays a tax for the first time can secure a blank at the office of the district director. This step will not be necessary in the case of 1919 taxpayers, as the banks will mail them a blank form. This not only covers individual taxpayers, but also residents and non-residents, but also partner ships.

The tax is payable any time between January 1st and April 15th, but it is urged that returns be filed early to avoid the rush during the final weeks. The total payment to Otsego county is \$532.51; Delaware \$17,464.71; and Chenango \$17,567.

## ANNUAL GUN CLUB DINNER

To Be Held Next Monday Evening at the Windsor Hotel.

Local sportsmen will be interested in the announcement that the second annual dinner of the Oneonta Fish, Game and Gun club will be held at the Windsor hotel next Monday evening, commencing at 8 o'clock. Last year's banquet was such a decided success that the local committee has decided to make it an annual event, and is looking forward to a much larger attendance. In addition to local sportsmen, it is expected that there will be a sizable delegation of visiting sportsmen from the Schenectady, Worcester and Franklin clubs, as invitations have been sent to these places.

Several good local speakers will be present at the dinner next Monday to give their views on matters of interest to sportsmen, and no doubt legislation that has been enacted during the past year will be discussed. A local orchestra also will be in attendance and an evening of enjoyment and good fellowship is anticipated. The local committee extends a cordial invitation to all sportsmen, whether members of the club or not, to be present at the dinner. Tickets are now on sale at Slade's drug store, the Windsor hotel, and the jewelry stores of E. D. Lewis and R. E. Brigham.

## MADE APPELLATE JUDGE.

Cortland Justice Honored by New Governor—More Work for Others.

Justice Rowland L. Davis of Cortland, a supreme court judge of the sixth judicial district, of which Otsego county is a part, has been appointed by Governor Nathan L. Miller to the appellate division in the fourth department, sitting at Rochester. His appointment took effect on January 1 and is for a period of five years. Owing to the previous withdrawal of Justice Walter Lloyd and Justice Kiley for appellate division work, there now remain but three justices, Theodore R. Tuthill of Binghamton, George McCann of Elmira, and Abraham L. Kellogg of Oneonta, to do all the court work in the district. This means that the duties of each judge are doubled, so they should not be blamed for any delay in the administration of justice. An indication of the work facing the judges is seen in the case of Judge Kellogg, who is now presiding at a term of court in Binghamton. A total of 127 civil and approximately 100 criminal cases are booked.

## Delaware Farm Bureau Meetings.

The Farm Bureau will hold a meeting today at Bloomingville, in Otsego county. Prof. C. A. Boulette of the Animal Husbandry department of Cornell will be a speaker as will Prof. C. C. DuBois of the state school and County Agent Binghamton. The women will have a separate session in the I. O. O. F. hall. Meetings called for 11 a. m. At noon both sessions will adjourn to the church parlors for dinner. Everyone is urged to attend this community meeting.

The Farm Bureau will have a meeting at Sidney in the hall on Saturday, at 100 p. m. County President H. C. McKenna, who has just been to the Indianapolis meeting, will tell of the work of the American Federation of Farm Bureaus and Prof. C. A. Boulette of the Animal Husbandry Department of the State college will discuss live stock problems and County Agent Binghamton will outline the work of the local Farm Bureau for the coming year. Everyone whether a Farm Bureau member or not is urged to come to this meeting.

## Baby Day at Parshall Hospital.

Merton D. Coy, an employee of the Oneonta Grocery company, was removed to the Parshall hospital, on Myrtle avenue late yesterday afternoon, suffering with acute appendicitis. An operation was performed by Dr. Brinkman, assisted by Drs. Germain and Hart and at last reports Mr. Coy was resting comfortably.

Herbert Phelps of Franklin underwent a serious surgical operation at the Parshall hospital yesterday morning, and last night was reported to be doing nicely. Dr. Brinkman and Dr. Germain of this city and Dr. Warren of Franklin performed the operation. During the stay in Oneonta, Mrs. Phelps is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Deight Birdsell, of 22 Central avenue.

Fine job printing at Herald office.

## MAYOR'S ANNUAL MESSAGE

READ AT COUNCIL MEETING LAST EVENING—CONTAINS EXCELLENT SUGGESTIONS.

All Appointive City Officers Whose Terms Have Expired Reappointed and Promptly Confirmed—Assessments for Street Paving Levied.

Mayor Ceperley read his annual message to the city council at the meeting last evening at which all members were present and it was given a cordial reception. He made some specific recommendations relative to improvements that should be made this year and a perusal of the message, which is printed in full to-day, will repay all interested in municipal affairs.

The following appointments, all reappointments, were announced: City attorney—John C. Becker. City Clerk—Sheldon H. Chase. Police attorney—J. D. VanWort. Com. of Charities—J. L. Williams. Sealer of Weights—T. J. O'Brien. Commissioners—

Public works—Samuel Horst, L. E. Walder.

Fire—C. M. Wright, C. D. Townsend.

Police—E. W. Elmore, Arthur Seybold.

Parks—L. C. Gurney, Edward M. Roman.

Library—A. B. Saxton.

Committees—

Finance—Lauren, Bokon, Morris.

Building—Coy, Morris, Tamsett.

Lights—Tamsett, Coy, Clark.

Law—Bokon, Clark, Lauren.

Alderman B. C. Lauren was without dissent elected to succeed himself as acting mayor in the absence of the mayor.

On motion the tax for streets that were levied the past season was levied upon the abutting property and grievance day was fixed at Monday evening, Jan. 17, at 8 o'clock.

Mayor Ceperley announced that the trolley company had received the new wheels ordered long since and that the cars would be supplied with them where needed and that no more cars would be run until repaired. He stated that the company had plans looking to the use of pay-as-you enter cars on all the local runs in the near future.

It was announced that the Mayor's conference has reported that the city could not be held liable for accidents on the streets because of the fact that certain streets were set aside for use in coaching.

After the Daily Star had been named as the official newspaper of the city for the year, the council adjourned.

## The Mayor's Message.

To the Common Council.

Gentlemen: I wish first to briefly call your attention to a few of the things that have been accomplished during the past year, through the combined efforts of the City Council and the various boards making up the city administration.

It has been a year when on account of limited finances and exceedingly high cost of material and labor, not many large improvements could be undertaken, but I am sure an honest effort has been made by every department to make the best possible use of the funds available.

Again we close the year with a clean slate aside from bonded indebtedness and that has been reduced by \$24,899. The bonds now outstanding being for general city purposes, \$142,402.32, and for school, \$17,500, maintaining, I think, our record of having the smallest indebtedness of any city in the state.

## Permanent Improvements.

The chief permanent improvement of the year was the paving of Maple and Elm streets and a connecting block on Spruce street. The total cost of same being about \$35,000. Another was the building of a new bridge over Silver creek at Center street, built by the city at a cost of \$1,650, which shows good workmanship.

Concrete sidewalks have been laid on portions of the following streets: Gile and Morgan avenues, Gardner and Neahwa place, Cedar, Gilbert, Dietz and Main streets.

A very noticeable improvement was the rounding of corners from the sidewalks at Main and Dietz streets, Main and Elm and Main and Chestnut streets. Oil in a limited quantity arrived late in the season and streets treated thereafter showed marked improvement.

The change of the Public library from Ford avenue to its new home in Huntington park marks one of the most important events of years, and Oneonta's Public library is now not only a source of pride but also one of greatly increased usefulness. This, with the finished and beautiful park surrounding it, is a lasting, worthwhile memorial of the Huntington family.

At the beginning of the season, the Park commission aided by Manager Waldman did some very good work on the baseball diamond and grandstand at Neahwa park, with the result that the great "American sport" again reached its high level in Oneonta, ending the season enthusiastically with the world's top-notch hot babe Ruth.

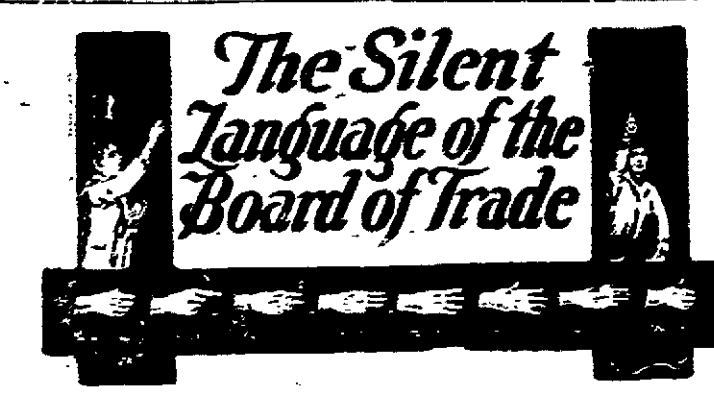
The Police department have been unusually active, H. Ke Vano being a prolific source of arrests. The chief and his force are entitled to much credit for the successful running to earth of the organized gang of automobile thieves that once infested Oneonta.

The Fire Department has maintained its usual efficiency and no large fires have gotten beyond its control. The Board of Health has made an excellent record. The successful handling of contagious diseases being especially praiseworthy.

Leaving unsaid a mention of road work performed, I want to call your attention to some of the things that I believe should receive serious attention the coming year. First:

## Main Street.

A careful study should at once be made of the requirements and cost of widening Main street from Elgin to Ford avenue to Chestnut street.



(National Crop Improvement Service.)

WHEN a visitor for the first time goes into the balcony in the board of trade, he believes that pandemonium has broken loose.

The roar of the pit can be likened to nothing on earth. Hundreds of traders are shouting at the tops of their voices and making signs with their hands and all seems confusion.

But after he has watched it a few minutes, he sees that there is method back of the tumult. He realizes that the pit is one vast auction in which each auctioneer is buying from and selling to the other auctioneers, at the same time.

The noise is merely incidental to what is going on and serves merely to attract attention to the man who wants to buy or sell. All of the rest of the transaction is conducted on the fingers of one hand. When held vertically each finger represents five thousand bushels and when held horizontally each finger represents the eighth of a cent as shown by the diagram.

Elm or Ford avenue to Chestnut street, the case of the former, part of the it being altogether too narrow to safely and conveniently take care of the present and constantly increasing traffic. It would seem to be feasible to take eighteen inches—seven two feet from the sidewalk on each side, resurfacing curb to correspond. Then instead of filling in the pavement along these lines, the whole pavement between these fronts should receive attention. Some cities are taking up street and grade, present problems work, brick pavements and relaying which should be worked out with the brick flat side up on the old base trolley people and the street paved or with macadam top. I offer this as a permanent improvement to the satisfaction of residents and the travelling public. The same condition also prevails on Center street and the same

Paving. Fair street and Myrtle avenue residents have petitions in for paving. In

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# ONEONTA PUBLIC MARKET

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### LOCAL MENTION.

—Story hour for children of eight years and under at the public library this afternoon promptly at 4. All children of the ages specified are welcome.

—The annual banquet of the Men's Club of the First Presbyterian church takes place Friday evening, January 11, in the church. Several local speakers will be in attendance.

—Three men, two from Ohio and the third hailing from Washington, called at police headquarters last night and on request were given a night's lodging. During the past few weeks, there has been a notable increase in the number of free lodgers.

—It is again necessary to call the attention of occasional contributors to the fact that all news items, including personals, sent in to this office for publication must be signed. The name of the contributor will not be published, but is required to guarantee the authenticity of the item.

—The local police department has as yet received no word as to the progress of the hunt for Harold Montgomery, convicted robber, who escaped with a companion from the Elmira reformatory last Sunday afternoon. The local officers are keeping a watch out for the pair, but have had no trace of them yet.

### Meetings Today.

Regular meeting of Oneonta lodge, No. 1312, L. P. O. Elks, this evening at 8 o'clock.

Special meeting of the L. A. O. B. of R. T. this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Everybody come, as there is business of importance.

Regular monthly business meeting of the Ladies' guild of the Lutheran church will be held this evening at 8 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Floyd Palmer, 19 Lewis street.

Meeting of Royal Rebekah lodge, No. 161, in I. O. O. F. temple, this evening at 7:30. Degree team requested to be present. Entertainment postponed.

A meeting of the Boilermakers and Helpers union will be held at the Trade and Labor hall this evening at 7:30.

There will be a meeting of Troop 1, Boy Scouts, at 7 o'clock sharp this evening at the Y. M. C. A. Boys wishing to join and re-register in the troop be there promptly. Scoutmaster, H. G. Wheeler.

The Ladies' guild of St. James' church will meet Thursday with Mrs. Ingles, 58 Elm street, from 2:30 to 5:30, for a covered dish luncheon. All ladies of the parish are invited.

Regular meeting of the L. O. O. M. tonight at the lodge rooms. Initiation to follow the order of business. Special convocation of Oneonta chapter, No. 277, R. A. M., in Masonic hall this evening at 8 o'clock. The Royal Arch Mason degree will be conferred on a large class.

The Ladies' circle of the Main street Baptist church will meet in the parlors at 2:30 this afternoon. Bring your own work and enjoy the refreshments served by Mrs. Webb, Mrs. Beams, Mrs. Duesler and Mrs. Chapman.

Special meeting of the Knights of Columbus this evening at 7:30 in Trainmen's hall. Installation of officers and initiation first degree.

### The Schools All Open.

The Normal and Public schools of Oneonta opened in all departments yesterday with a full attendance, practically all teachers and pupils who had spent the holidays out of the city having returned on Monday. The public schools will close for the Easter vacation on April 1 and reopen on April 11. The date of the spring vacation at the Normal has not yet been definitely fixed.

### New Police Emblems.

The members of the Oneonta police force have been supplied with new emblems to be worn on their caps. These emblems, which are a marked improvement over those formerly in use, are the standard used in cities throughout the state, including New York. They bear the New York state seal and the word "Excelsior."

### Woman's Club.

Current Topics class will meet this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

### Collector's Notice.

Notice is hereby given that I, the undersigned collector of taxes in and for the town of Milford, have received the tax roll and warrant for the collection of taxes for the present year, and will attend at Milford bank, January 11th and 15th; Colliers' store, January 4th and 14th; Preston store, Milford Center, January 15th; Howe's store, Cooperstown Junction, January 21st and at residence at Portlandville, for the purpose of receiving taxes assessed upon such roll. Dated this 23rd day of December, 1920.  
G. George Tennant, Collector.

### For Sale.

New two family house, \$1,300.00; cash payment \$500. Seven room house and barn, \$2,000; cash \$1,000. New bungalow, all improvements, \$2,700. Two family house, all improvements. Normal section, rents for \$129 a year. Will sell on easy terms. Campbell Brothers.

The Wilber National bank has received a shipment of Fourth Liberty Loan permanent bonds and will exchange bonds for their customers and friends.

You will find Junata brand margarine in households where quality really counts. And in those where economy is an important factor it is no less popular.

### ELMORE TO HEAD CAMPAIGN

Other Well-Known Citizens to Serve as Committeemen for Chamber of Commerce Reorganization.

The first real big impetus was given the Chamber of Commerce reorganization campaign today, when announcement was made by the board of directors that E. W. Elmore, president of the Elmore Milling company, had agreed to accept the chairmanship of the Campaign Executive committee. Mr. Elmore has always been a tireless worker for the advancement of the civic, social and commercial welfare of the city and his selection to head the present important movement for bigger citizenship will meet with unanimous approval.

Mr. Elmore is president of the newly formed Oneonta Community association, police commissioner and a former president of the Chamber of Commerce.

The following well-known citizens have been named to serve under Chairman Elmore as members of the committee: Hon. Charles Smith, J. K. McNeillie, O. E. Rowe, George B. Baird, H. W. Lee, Dr. B. M. Johns, Roscoe C. Briggs, Mayor A. E. Coperley, B. C. Lauren, A. C. Merritt, Dr. F. H. Marx, Leslie Gardner, Frank A. Herrieff, Owen C. Becker, Postmaster C. J. Beams, W. F. Eggleston.

The selection of this group of men to take charge of the campaign insures the success of the enterprise from the beginning. The first meeting of the committee is called for this evening at Chamber of Commerce headquarters, when various details of the campaign program will be presented by Campaign Director David C. Adie of the American City bureau and selection of men for the various sub-committees will be made by Chairman Elmore.

No little emphasis is placed on the fact that straight, business-like methods will characterize the presentation of the project for enlarging not only the membership, but also the scope of work of the Chamber of Commerce. There will be no "hip, hip, hooray" methods used, but rather a direct appeal to the citizens of Oneonta on the common ground that the proposed reorganization is necessary if the city is to keep her place in the advancing phalanx of live American cities and that membership therein is a wise investment of time and money on the part of every citizen who has the real interests of the city at heart. It is pointed out that not only will the new organization have an adequate income with which to carry on worth-while projects, but a definite program of work will be developed by the membership by means of the questionnaire which will serve to keep every member busy and therefore interested.

### EVERYBODY WANTS SHOES.

Shear and Sharping's Store Crowded All Day With Bargain Hunters.

It would have been hard to find a busier spot in the city yesterday than the Shear & Sharping shoe store, where the stock disposal sale announced in Saturday's Star was launched at 9 a. m. Before the hour of opening, the doorway was crowded with persons looking for bargains. Throughout the day, the store was simply jammed and Manager Orrin Olds found it necessary to employ several extra sales people to handle the customers, and even then they were unable to serve everybody.

Manager Olds received a telegram yesterday from Mr. Sharping to "sell regardless of cost," and he announces that drastic reductions will give the buying public of Oneonta a rare opportunity to lay in a stock of shoes. The sale is announced to continue for 30 days but from present indications the stock will be depleted long before then.

### Trolley Car Catches Fire.

A general alarm from Box 32, at the corner of Main and Chestnut streets, called out the two motor fire trucks last evening at 7:30 and drew a large crowd of spectators. The alarm was turned in by Patrolman Jones, who noticed flames issuing from a trolley car standing near the car barn on Market street. The fire was caused by a short circuit in the controller, the flames being transmitted to the wooden trolley beneath. The blaze was quickly put out by the firemen, and the loss is not thought to be great, although the end of the car was quite badly damaged by flames.

### Meetings at St. James' Church.

There will be a meeting of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew in the parish rooms at 7:30 o'clock this evening. Thursday (Epiphany), there will be services at 9 a. m. and vespers meeting at 7:30 p. m. in the parish room, and on Friday at 7:30 p. m. the confirmation class will meet for instruction in the parish room.

### Receiving Radium Treatment.

Mrs. William Hodges of Walton, who had been in the city receiving radium treatment at the Fox Memorial hospital, departed last evening for her home after receiving six treatments. She will return in March for additional treatment if it be deemed necessary.

### Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Greenwood Cemetery association will be held Monday evening, January 10, 1921, at 8 o'clock, at the Wilber National bank. Albert Morris, president.

### Andrew Halvorsen Has Opened a

blacksmith shop, owned by Fred C. Gerdes, in West Oneonta and is ready to do horseshoeing, general blacksmith work and all kinds of mechanical repairing.

### Paint Shop Opened in Laurens.

Wagons and automobiles painted, work guaranteed, prices reasonable. G. C. D. Preston Westcott.

### Condon's candies sure are a treat.

Have you tried our hard candy? Nothing over 15¢ a pound. Oneonta Candy company, 26 Gault avenue. 15

### HALF CANNOT BE TOLD.

A story is told of a chameleon which was put on a piece of red cloth and turned red, upon a piece of blue cloth and turned blue, but when it was put on a piece of Scotch plaid it blew up. It is impossible to be a Christian and withhold benevolence, to sing an anthem of praise and unite in a hymn of hate. Half cannot be told of the misery in Europe. Floods of destruction are carrying the child life to destruction. No praises like the praises of children, no character in the sight of heaven so worthy of imitation and commendation. Who shall dare to despise them? Half cannot be told of the glory that is to come, for it is the promise of Holy Writ that bread cast on the water shall return again. Investments in lands and stocks can be lost, but never an investment in the child life. Be it to the credit of the American people that they have faith in God and the destiny of their appointment; that they believe in God's truth and practice its virtues.

Charles S. Pendleton.

### FLAT WHEELED CARS OFF.

Use Discontinued at Request of Mayor Coperley Causing Reduced Schedule.

At the request of Mayor Coperley, the Southern New York railway, which has just received a shipment of new car wheels, the cars on the local line having flat wheels have been sent to the repair shops at Hartwick and will be repaired and the flat wheels replaced by others. This necessitated the sending out for service one of the smaller cars in the shops for repairs before its painting is completed. This explains the appearance on the streets of this car, apparently finished in "Battleship gray," which is however only the priming coat.

As a result also of the mayor's order, the service on the East End line will be reduced today to a 30-minute schedule as formerly. It is hoped to get another car out of the shops today so that the 20-minute schedule can be resumed tomorrow.

### Off to Europe, But Will Return.

Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Bagnardi, who had been spending the summer and fall at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. N. Molinari, 13 Division street, left yesterday for New York, from whence they sail today for Naples, Italy. Mr. and Mrs. Bagnardi have taken a liking to Oneonta and have taken a liking to Oneonta and expect to return early in the spring and make this city their permanent home.

### Notice.

Remember the dance at Maryland K. O. T. M. hall, Friday evening, January 7. Everybody welcome. 11

Norton's bazaar has moved from 15 Broad street, to 109 Main, up stairs, in the rooms formerly occupied by Dr. Hanks. Your patronage solicited. 31

### FEEDING FUND NOW \$7,500

Ladies' Home Mission Society of United Presbyterian Church at Davenport Sends \$25 — Mrs. Welch of Edgewood Contributes \$40 from Residents of That Village.

Yesterday's contributions to the Child Feeding fund saved the lives of 21 of the unfortunates and brought the total number being provided for by the generosity of residents of this section to 751, with the desired quota in sight, provided the response continues as at present.

The Ladies' Mission society of the United Presbyterian church at Davenport sent \$25 and Mrs. U. G. Welch, who is acting for the women's committee in that village, sent over \$40 contributed by residents of that village. These, with the \$12 additional from the Oneonta grange mentioned in yesterday's Star but not included in the report published yesterday, combined with others brought the day's total to \$210.50.

### The list of yesterday follows:

Oneonta grange	\$ 42.00
"25"	5.00
A' De Vill	10.00
Mrs. Tato	1.00
Charles H. Berry, Franklin	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Leonard	2.00
Marshall Webster	3.00
Mr. and Mrs. L. D. VanWert	25.00
Theodore Knapp, Elk Creek	3.00
Mrs. Arthur M. Butts	10.00
Civics room, O. H. S.	2.55
Mathematics room, O. H. S.	.75
Ladies Home Mission society	
U. P. Church, Davenport	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. S. Shearer	
Kortright	5.00
Residents of Edgewood through	
Mrs. U. G. Welch	40.00
Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Chesbrough	10.00
Dr. W. R. Lough	10.00
Albert I. Johnson	10.00
Judge U. G. Welch	10.00
Mrs. R. W. Miller	20.00
Master Harold Keen	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Keen	5.00
Total	\$ 210.50
Previously reported	\$7,389.95
Total to date	\$7,600.45

### Change in Trucking Company.

Homer E. Lyon has purchased the interest of Edward L. Richards in the Oneonta Trucking company, and, in connection with Mr. Woolheater, will continue and greatly enlarge the business. The equipment owned by Mr. Lyon, who for the past year since his return from service, has operated a trucking bus, will be added to that of the company, which now has four motor trucks, a team, and a piano swinging equipment. The offices, as heretofore, will be at 234 Main street, under the town clock.

### Starting the New Year Right.

Burton Ackley, the Elm street florist, picked from his vines in his hot-house enough ripe tomatoes for the family's New Year's dinner.

Ira S. Sweet, practical house-setter, at the Windsor, Oneonta, Jan. 3; Eagle, Norwich, Jan. 6. 11

## Old Clothes Often Cost More Than New Ones!

Often it is the best economy to get a new suit rather than "make the old one do another season."

A good appearance helps a man amazingly in business. Pierpont Morgan once said that if he had but \$10 in the world, he would first buy a silk hat.

A few dollars invested in a suit and a few shirts and ties, have given many an ambitious young fellow a big boost along Success Highway.

By selecting your fixin's at the Carr Clothing Co. you will get full value for your investment of clothes money. And you will have that fine, bracing certainty that you look well, fit and well-fitted.

## Carr Clothing Co.

Successor to Carr & Bull 200 Main Street

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**Derrick, Florist**  
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Stock Must  
Be Closed  
Out Within  
30 Days



Everything  
Must Go.  
Nothing  
Priced  
Above \$7.97

## Store Thronged With Eager Shoppers.

Simply Unable to Wait Upon the Vast Crowd Yesterday. Everybody Surprised at the Remarkable Values Offered. Make It a Point to Come to the Store Today and See For Yourself How the Prices Have Been Smashed.

## Men's Shoes

Men's Fine Dress Shoes: Blucher cut; \$4.00 values; closed out at ..... \$1.97  
Men's Fine Shoes; \$5.50 values ..... \$2.97  
Men's very fine Goodyear Welt Shoes, in up-to-date lasts; black and dark brown; narrow and broad toe; \$8.00 values; closed out at ..... \$4.97

## Ladies' Shoes

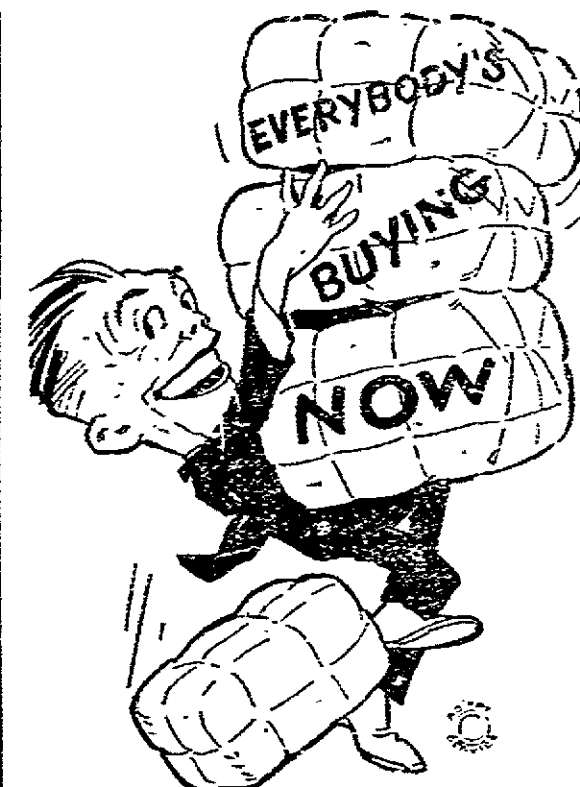
Ladies' fine Shoes, in black and brown; high and low heels; \$8.00 values; closed out at ..... \$3.97  
Ladies' extra fine quality Shoes; all heels; all colors; Goodyear Welts; \$11.00 values; closed out at ..... \$5.97  
One large lot Ladies' Shoes; high and low heels; \$6.00 values; closed out at ..... \$1.97

## Rubber Goods

Latex Rubbers, first quality; all styles; all sizes; only .... 47c  
Black first quality Rubbers; all styles ..... 77c

## Hosiery

Ladies' Cotton Hose ..... 17c  
Ladies' Lisle Hose ..... 27c  
Ladies' Silk Hose ..... 77c  
Children's fine Ribbed Hose 17c  
Men's fine black Hose .... 17c  
Men's Work Hose ..... 11c













## ORPHAN FINDS HOME



Miss Clara Brown, Los Angeles, while visiting the Diamond Bar ranch, was moved with sympathy by an orphaned two-day-old pig. She took the little one, and now "Diamond" enjoys all the comforts of a pretty home. His happiest moments are at meal time, when Miss Brown feeds the "baby," as the picture shows.

## Begin the New Year Right

By starting an account in the new interest or commercial department at the Wilber National Bank.

## Canning's Orchestra.

All engagements given prompt attention. 8 Ford avenue or phone 1182-W.

Wanted—A man; competent stenographer and for general office work. Apply Glimmergen farm, Coopers-town.

Some things are indispensable to every well balanced meal. Klipnack's Highgrade corn is one of them.

## 'OLIVER TWIST'S' JAIL CLOSED

Gruel Pot of Famous St. George's Workhouse in London Goes to Museum.

London.—St. George's workhouse, just south of London bridge, where Oliver Twist had the audacity to ask for a second helping of this gruel, has been closed by the poor law authorities and the inmates have been transferred elsewhere.

The gruel of which Dickens' child hero and his fellow sufferers partook was made in a copper cauldron, which is to be presented to the Southmark borough council's museum.

## "Floating Crematory" for Japs.

Tokyo.—Tokyo will soon have a "floating crematory," the first of its kind in Japan.

Two specially constructed vessels of 150 tons each, with facilities for cremating 20 bodies at a time, will be used. The vessels will be anchored at a wharf at Shibura, and, after funeral services have been held on board, they will leave for a point about seven miles off the bay for the cremation.

## Made Hay While He Slept.

Cincinnati.—Joseph D. Englebert, contractor, has a painter who found a drink when sent to town. Becoming leg weary, the painter sat down at the corner of Fifth and Walnut streets. His hat slipped off and fell to his knees and when he was awakened by a policeman the painter found \$1.90 in his hat.

## The Farmer's Worst Enemy—Rats, The Farmer's Best Friend—Fat-Snap.

These are the words of James Farver, N. J.: "Ever since I tried RAT-SNAP I have always kept it in the house. Never fails. Used about \$3.99 worth of RAT-SNAP a year and figure it saves me \$300 in chickens, eggs and feed. RAT-SNAP is convenient. Just break up cake, no mixing with other food." Three sizes, 35c, 65c, \$1.25. Sold and guaranteed by Hutson Pharmacy, Miller-Strong 1-rug company, Slade's Drug store, C. R. Marsh, Everybody's Drug store.

For music for your next dance, try Canning's orchestra. Satisfaction guaranteed.

## MAYOR'S ANNUAL MESSAGE

(Continued from Page Four.)

urgent need is very apparent. The original brick pavement is rapidly going to pieces, top-dressing and filling seem a failure. I believe better results could be obtained by cutting out the poor spots and relaying with new brick. All needed things can hardly be done in one season but if taken early, much can be accomplished.

## Bridges.

I understand that the Board of Public Works plans to replace, this season, the last of the old wooden bridges, the one on Gault avenue, by a modern concrete bridge, a needed "Safety First" improvement. The bridge across the mill race near the gas house, while not on a public street, is used more or less as an entrance to Neahwa park and the baseball field. It is unsafe and closed against vehicles. I would favor an arrangement with the owners whereby it be rebuilt with crossing privilege for city use and the general public at their own risk.

## Wall Street.

I have heretofore recommended that Wall street, now a private drive, be widened at the Chestnut street entrance and accepted by the city as a public street and I understand the Board of Public Works are negotiating with the property owners with that intent. The interests of the city and property owners alike, would, I believe, be conserved by the arrangement.

## Sidewalks.

In two previous messages, I have advocated the building of a sidewalk on Lower Chestnut street from the present ending to the city line, and I believe the time has come when the matter of a difference of opinion as to just where the property and street lines meet should not be allowed to longer delay this much-needed improvement. Agreement should be reached if possible. Otherwise the Board of Public Works should, after careful consideration, use its best judgment as to location and proceed to build as early as conditions warrant in the spring. Wherever other walks are needed and abutting property owners are willing to pay the proportionate share of the cost they should be built as fast as possible. There is still an unexpended sidewalk fund of \$3,734 and I would recommend that the Board of Public Works arrange for a small gang of sidewalk men to commence work early and continue through the season.

## Sewerage.

At the present time we are facing a sanitation problem because of an uncompleted sanitary sewer system. East End has streets without sewers, an unsatisfactory condition that should be remedied this season. The West End section is more difficult and will take longer to improve because of no existing trunk line sewer in that section. Plans were made and work begun before the war for a complete system, with disposal plant to be located off Lower River street, near the river. The health of the city, with improved conditions of labor and material, would indicate the time near at hand for its completion.

## The Park Situation.

Last year Wilber park received little attention and practically no outlay of funds, the needs at Neahwa seeming paramount. This year the park budget has been increased to \$4,200, an equitable portion of which should be used for Wilber park improvement. There is also in the hands of the commission from the special fund in 1919 the sum of \$2,259. We should, this year, see completed the entrance bridge at Spruce street, a concrete wading and swimming pool, and many other minor improvements.

## Street Lighting.

Our contract with the Electric Light people calls for additional boulevard lights, when ordered by the city. I would advise that an extension of the system be made this year to include at least Broad street and the business section of Chestnut street.

## Gas Service.

Many complaints have been heard regarding quality and pressure of gas during the past year. Manager Chambers states that repairs will be made and new pipes laid this season which he expects will obviate the trouble.

## Public Market.

This was opened on Broad street early in September and to meet increased patronage and more suitable conditions was moved in October to Market street. The market from the first has been a success. At the present time I see no necessity for holding it two days each week. During the winter season meats and vegetables will keep and a once-a-week market should suffice. Next season more stringent rules and regulations should prevail. I recommend cutting out all middlemen and holding to more uniformity in price.

## Ford Avenue Property.

Formerly occupied by the Public Library, this property is now vacant but by recent action of the council it is soon to be occupied by the Oneonta Community association, as the headquarters for an enlarged centralized civic and general welfare work. To fit it for their needs, some necessary repairs should at once be made and I would ask the Finance committee to immediately take the matter under consideration.

## Taxation.

A subject of vital interest to all concerned is taxation. We raised, last year, for city purposes including payment of bonds \$78,301. Large increase of labor, material and supplies, made this amount inadequate to properly finance the business of the city. Therefore in order to raise more revenue, assessments which were low were increased. This year our total city levy will be \$99,527, an increase of between 25 and 27 per cent over last year which seems conservative. In comparison with this our state and

county tax last year was \$58,956, being \$20,451 less than the city tax. This year the state and county tax for the city amounts to \$117,563, an increase from last year of \$59,962, being over 199 per cent raise, and will be \$18,441 more than our total city tax and as equalized by the County Board of Supervisors, we must pay nearly one-third of the taxes raised in the county for state and county purposes. To me the apportionment seemed unfair and I asked for a committee to investigate. A similar committee was also appointed by the Chamber of Commerce. The joint committee had one meeting with the equalization committee of the Board of Supervisors and are still studying the situation before their final report. In any event, I would recommend the continuance of this joint committee that the facts gathered may be available next year in case of need.

## Requests and Complaints.

The mayor, aldermen and other city officials receive numerous requests that various things be done, and many complaints regarding existing conditions. Some of these requests and complaints are trivial. Some are important and some are beyond our control. I would advise that every such request or complaint be quickly investigated and when found reasonable complied with. Otherwise special care should be taken to explain why nothing can be done. Little things that are apt to be overlooked, in the aggregate, are of much importance and proper attention given in the matter will do much to maintain a satisfied and contented citizenship.

## Conclusion.

Gentlemen of the Council, I thank you for the many courtesies and kind consideration you have shown me as your presiding officer and chief executive during the past year. Our actions have been entirely harmonious. We have all had in mind the best interests of the city and no personal motives have been apparent. For the future I have unlimited faith in your good sense and sound business judgment. We believe in Oneonta and its future prosperity, therefore our work is enduring, our service that of love. Again I thank you and wish you all the happiness and contentment of a serviceable New Year.

Dated January 1, 1921.

Signed,

A. E. CEPERLEY, Mayor.

Lost—About city, Tuesday of Wednesday, fraternity pin. Reward for return to Star office.

Trucking—Phone 352.

## DANCES SHOCK WARREN, OHIO

Mayor Orders Police to Prevent Kissing and Hugging in Public Affairs.

Warren, O.—Declaring some of the scenes at public dances are not merely improper, but shockingly immoral, Mayor J. D. McBride issued an order to Chief of Police Gilles to have officers keep an eye on such affairs and to arrest any persons who step beyond the bounds of what they consider propriety.

The mayor says he has information that young men kiss their dancing partners without any pretense of concealment; that men also hold girls in so close an embrace as would bring swift punishment from fathers if they were present. The mayor also says he has been told couples remain at one spot on the floor for several minutes, devoting their whole attention to "an enthusiastic hug."

## Not a Good Loser.

Thomas H. Morrow, assistant attorney general, has received a complaint from a Cincinnati woman who says she paid \$67 for a dress September 27 which is now being shown in shop windows for \$15.


## 1921 Houses for House Hunters.

Two flat, East End, nearly finished, neither flat occupied, \$4,500. Bungalow, modern, West End, just completed, never occupied, \$4,500. Two flat, Maple street, with splendid lot, one flat vacant, \$5,200. Cottage, just off Upper River street, move in thirty days, \$3,500. Modern house, near Luther street, fine repair, \$4,100.

Sellers come here to list your house for sale. Buyers come here for large list to choose from. H. M. Bard & Son, 8 Broad street.

Ira S. Sweet, practical bonesetter, at the Windsor, Oneonta, Feb. 1; Eagle, Norwich, Feb. 5.

When you feel discouraged, worn, tired, worried or despondent it is a sign you need MOTT'S NERVE-PILLS. They renew the normal vigor and make life worth living. Be sure and ask for Mott's Nerve-Pills. Price \$1.00 by druggists. WILLIAMS MFG. CO., Prop., Cleveland, Ohio. On Sale at Marsh, The Druggists.



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<p><b>ALL OUR HIGH GRADE STATIONERY</b> Reduced 33 1-3 percent.</p> <p><b>STRAIGHT BLADE AND SAFETY RAZORS REDUCED 25 PERCENT.</b></p> <p>If you are in need of a Razor, here is your chance to get one at a reduction of 25 percent.</p> <p>All our Pocket Knives reduced 25 percent for this sale.</p> <p>Razors, Straight Blade .. 95c up</p>	<p><b>CLEAN UP SALE OF LUNCH KITS</b> \$3.98</p> <p><b>CLEAN UP SALE OF ALL BRISTLE GOODS</b></p> <p>\$5.00 Hair Brushes ..... \$3.75</p> <p>\$4.00 Hair Brushes ..... \$3.00</p> <p>\$3.00 Hair Brushes ..... \$2.25</p> <p>50c Tooth Brushes ..... 37c</p> <p>75c Tooth Brushes ..... 56c</p> <p>35c Tooth Brushes ..... 25c</p> <p>Other Bristle Goods reduced 25 percent.</p>
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To Exide Distributors:

The price of Exide Batteries for automobile starting and lighting is reduced 28 per cent, effective January 1.

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(Signed) The Electric Storage Battery Company.

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